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WASHINGTON; APRIL 25; REUTER - CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE AGENCY DIRECTOR STANSFIELD TURNER TOLD CONGRESS TODAY THAT RUSSIA'S PROBLEMS IN PRODUCING OIL WILL SEVERELY COMPLICATE THE WESTERN WORLD'S ENERGY PROBLEMS BETWEEN NOW AND 1985.

UNDER ATTACK FOR THE AGENCY'S GLOOMY PICTURE OF WORLD ENERGY PROBLEMS; ADMIRAL TURNER MADE A RARE PUBLIC APPEARANCE BEFORE A CONGRESSIONAL PANEL AND DETAILED THE CIA'S CONCLUSION THAT THE SOVIET UNION WOULD BE FORCED INTO THE WORLD OIL MARKET IN THE EARLY 1980S BECAUSE OF MAJOR PROBLEMS IN MAINTAINING HIGH DOMESTIC OUTPUT.

A CIA REPORT CITED BY PRESIDENT CARTER LAST WEEK IN ARGUING FOR A COMPREHENSIVE, CONSERVATION-ORIENTED ENERGY PLAN WAS CRITICISED BY CONGRESSIONAL REPUBLICANS AS TOO PESSIMISTIC IN VIEW OF SIMILAR STUDIES BY OTHER GROUPS ESTIMATING THAT THE WORLD STILL HAS MAJOR UNTAPPED RESERVES OF OIL AND GAS.

ADMIRAL TURNER TOLD THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES SUBCOMMITTEE ON ENERGY AND MANPOWER THAT CIA ESTIMATES OF SOVIET PRODUCTION ARE "CRUCIAL TO OUR ANALYSIS" AND DECLASSIFIED THE SPY AGENCY'S REPORT ON SOVIET OIL PRODUCTION.‡
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HE SAID OIL OUTPUT IN THE SOVIET UNION WOULD SOON PEAK AT 11 TO 12 MILLION BARRELS A DAY; POSSIBLY AS EARLY AS NEXT YEAR AND CERTAINLY NO LATER THAN THE EARLY 1980S. CURRENT SOVIET PRODUCTION IS ABOUT 10.5 MILLION BARRELS A DAY.

THE CIA DIRECTOR SAID THE SOVIET UNION IS EXPERIENCING "SEVERE WATER ENCROACHMENT" PROBLEMS WHICH MEANS THEY MUST PUMP INCREASINGLY LARGE QUANTITIES OF WATER FOR EACH BARREL OF OIL PRODUCED.

THE CIA REPORT FORECAST THAT THE SOVIET UNION AND EAST EUROPE WOULD NEED TO IMPORT BETWEEN 3-1/2 TO 4-1/2 BARRELS A DAY BY THE EARLY 1980S INSTEAD EXPORTING AT THE CURRENT RATE OF A MILLION BARRELS A DAY.‡
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